

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA**

GUIDE TO WORSHIP AND WORK



**ONE-HUNDRED SEVENTH STATED MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2016**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWTON, NC**

**107th STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
January 30, 2016
DOCKET**

- 8:30 Registration**
(If you do not sign in, you will not be counted as present.)
Orientation for New Elders **Barbara Ross**
- 9:00 Call to Order** **Michael Bailey**
Immediate Past Moderator
- Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator**
- Convene with Prayer of Invocation** **Barbara McLean**
Moderator
- Welcome from First Presbyterian Church, Newton** **Steven Barnes**
- Appointment of Standing Committees** **Barbara McLean**
Resolution of Thanks
- Bills and Overtures**
(Fossil Fuel Divestment – Faithful Alternative to Climate Change)
Tellers
Ruling and Teaching Elders from Host Church
- Certification of Quorum** **Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk**
Approval of Docket
- Consent Agenda** **A**
(Consent Agenda is a consent motion. Any commissioner may pull any item from the Consent Agenda for any reason. Simply state the item to be removed from the Consent Agenda and it will be dealt with as part of the committee report from which it was drawn.)
- Stated Clerk’s Report** **Cam Murchison** **B**
(Work of the Clerk, Presbytery Meeting Dates, Administrative Commission Reports.)
- Reports Submitted for Information and/or Included in the Consent Agenda**
- Nominating Committee** **I**
- Congregational Development** **GG**
- Presbyterian Women – Guatemalan Microloan Project** **MM**
- 9:25 Service of Worship, including Necrology for 2015** **Steven Barnes**
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper **Mark Osborne**
and Necrology

10:25 Speak Out (5 minutes)

(Opportunity to address the Presbytery for one minute or less, per speaker, on any suitable topic. No new business may be introduced at this point, but announcements, concerns, or opinions may be shared.)

10:30 General Council (10 minutes)

(Work of the committee, Presbytery Treasurer, Search Committee for an Associate, Reports from Divisions on Progress of Re-Organization of Committees.)

Michael Bailey C

10:40 Personnel Committee (10 minutes)

(Work of the committee and recommendation(s) from the committee.)

Otis Wilson FF

10:50 Finance Committee (10 minutes)

(Work of the committee and Proposed Budget for 2016.)

Jay Crane BB

11:00 Christian Education and Resource Center (5 minutes)

(2016 Spiritual Retreat and rollout traveling resource center presentation.)

Kent Smith W

Mary Lou Nash

11:05 Ministry Campaign (20 minutes)

(Updates on Quiet Phase and Roll Out of Congregational Phase)

Feild Russell BH

Linda Rostan

11:25 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (10 minutes)

(Introduction of inquirer to move to candidate for ministry)

Bob Tuttle K

11:35 Youth Committee (5 minutes)

(Upcoming Events; Middle School Retreat; and 2016 Youth Triennium)

James Holeman Y

Joseph Taber

11:40 Committee on Ministry (15 minutes)

(Work of the committee, introduction of new minister – Patrick Johnson; Sacred Trust/Relational Boundaries)

John Pea and D

Tee Gatewood

11:55 Report of the General Presbyter (5 minutes)

Bobbi White GP

12:05 Guatemala Partnership (2 minutes)

Marie Connelly de Palacios

12:10 Report from the Bills and Overtures Committee (30 Minutes)

(Report from committee regarding 2016 PCUSA Fossil Fuel Divestment Overture Rationale)

12:40 Prayers of Intercession

(Please submit requested prayers of intercession to the Stated Clerk's table before 11:00 a.m.)

Kevin Frederick

Benediction and Adjournment

Please note that Presbytery Standing Rules “do not” allow any distribution of materials at Presbytery meetings without prior approval from the General Council. Also, please turn off or silence cell phones during Presbytery worship times. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The General Council reaffirms its policy that there will be no photography, audio or video recording, including all electronic devices, during a Presbytery meeting without the prior approval of the Presbytery.

Attendance and Voting. Each teaching elder shall attend each meeting of Presbytery, and each congregation shall be represented by at least one ruling elder at each meeting. Congregations are entitled to ruling elder commissioners based on the following active membership (BO: G-1.0402), as shown on the most recent statistical report (*For the 2016 year, churches E through L are entitled to an additional elder. Please note that commissioner representation is based on active membership figures taken from the 2014 Statistical Report as figures are not available for 2015.*):

- 0 - 250 members - 1
- 251 - 750 members - 2
- 751 - 1250 members - 3
- 1251 - 1750 members - 4

Honorably retired teaching elders shall be welcome at all meetings, but their necessary non-attendance shall be excused.

To ensure approximate parity in numbers between ruling elder and teaching elder commissioners:

1. All members of the General Council shall have voice and vote (if ruling elders).
2. All division, committee and sub-committee chairs shall have voice and vote (if ruling elders).
3. All Commissioned Lay Pastors shall have voice and vote.
4. All Certified Christian Educators, Certified Associate Christian Educators, and, in addition, other Christian Educators who have
 - earned at least a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent)
 - served in one or more educational ministries under the jurisdiction of a Presbytery (or one of its Sessions) for a minimum of two (2) years, and
 - been examined and recommended to Presbytery by the Christian Education Committee shall have voice and (if ruling elders) vote, provided that these privileges shall end, pursuant to BO: G-2.1103, when such persons are no longer serving in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery (or one of its Sessions).
5. All ruling elder commissioners to the Synod Assembly and to the General Assembly shall have voice and vote as long as their terms last.
6. All exempt staff of Presbytery shall have voice.
7. All racial/ethnic congregations and other congregations designated by the General Council shall elect an additional ruling elder commissioner.
8. Only teaching elders who are active members (including honorably retired teaching elders) or members-at-large of Presbytery, as defined by the *Book of Order*, shall have voice and vote.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

1	Presbytery Office Closed – New Year’s Holiday	
5	<i>DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS FOR JANUARY PRESBYTERY MEETING</i>	
11	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
12	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
13	General Council	Morganton, First
18	Presbytery Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
20	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
21	Smaller Membership Church Committee	Black Mountain
	Resource Center Task Force	Black Mountain
28	Youth Ministry Committee	Presbytery Office
30	107th Presbytery Meeting	Newton, First

February

1	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
2	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
	Building Hope Planning Committee	Morganton, First
	Training for 2016 General Assembly Commissioners	Presbytery Office
9	Evangelism Committee	Morganton, First
10	General Council	Morganton, First
15	Presbytery Office Closed – President’s Day	
17	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
	Church Statistical Report Deadline	
22	Nominating Committee	Morganton, First
27	<i>Healthy Relationships & Sexuality Retreat</i>	<i>Montreat Conf. Center</i>
29	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First

March

1	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
	Building Hope Planning Committee	Morganton, First
	Training for 2016 General Assembly Commissioners	Presbytery Office
9	General Council	Morganton, First
10	Christian Education Committee	Presbytery Office/Blk. Mtn.
16	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
25	Presbytery Office Closed – Good Friday	

April

4	<i>DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS FOR APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING</i>	
	Examinations Committee	Morganton, First
5	Committee on Ministry	Morganton, First
	Building Hope Planning Committee	Morganton, First
	Training for 2016 General Assembly Commissioners	Presbytery Office
8-9	<i>2016 Spiritual Retreat – At the Intersection of Christian Life and Worship</i>	<i>Moore Center, Montreat Conf. Center</i>
13	General Council	Morganton, First
20	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Morganton, First
21	Smaller Membership Church Committee	Black Mountain
26	108th Stated Meeting of Presbytery	Montreat Conf. Center

2016 Presbytery Meetings

January 30, 2016~First Presbyterian, Newton
 April 26, 2016~Montreat Conference Center
 July 26, 2016~Grandfather Home for Children
 Children’s Care Alliance
 October 25, 2016~Brevard-Davidson River
 Presbyterian Church, Brevard

2017 Presbytery Meetings

January 28, 2017 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton
 April 25, 2017 ~ Montreat Conference Center
 July 25, 2017 ~TBD
 October 28, 2017 ~TBD